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25X1 1. Frontier troops in the Estonian SSR are subordinate to the Minister of State Security (MGB) of the Estonian SSR, Major General V.I. Moskalenko.[1]
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25X1 2. For guarding the coastal frontiers of the Estonian SSR the following frontier zones have been established:

a. A 22-kilometer-wide frontier coastal strip. In this area all inhabitants are subject to special controls and must have a special permit for being there. Frontier control personnel (Organy pogranokhrany) have the right to detain in this area all suspicious persons, conduct personal searches as well as search all houses and premises of local inhabitants, and if necessary to use arms.

b. A 7½-kilometer-wide frontier coastal strip (within the above 22-kilometer strip). Entry to this area is prohibited to persons who do not live there permanently or who have no special permit for this zone. In order to obtain a permit to enter this zone one has to apply to the militia personnel, who have the right to issue passes (propusk) for a single entry or for a certain period.

3. Besides the frontier guards there is a secret net of confidential persons assisting the frontier guards in the 22-kilometer frontier zone. These individuals are selected from the local civilian population and they have to inform the personnel of the frontier guards of everything suspicious they notice in their districts. These individuals are entered on special lists in the Ministry of State Security.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: According to an article appearing in the Soviet press in February 1951, Valentin Ivanovich Moskalenko was a colonel.

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